

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

1 (currently amended). A home page automatic update system comprising:  
a home page management unit reading out an HTML document from a home page database in response to a request from a user terminal, and transmitting the readout HTML document to the user terminal;

a patrol search unit extracting update data by executing in turn a reception process of a mail message stored in a mail server, an extraction process of update data of an HTML document stored in the home page database, a file search process in a management terminal, and a search process of schedule data in a storage device on the basis of [a variable selected from the group consisting of a predetermined] a patrol time, [a predetermined] patrol order, [a predetermined] number of times patrol is to be carried out, [a predetermined] and setting regarding whether or not to cause patrol to be carried out[, and any combinations thereof] which determine the order of priority for accessing the mail server, the home page database, the management terminal, and the storage device, said order of priority being determined in advance; and

an update data generation unit generating update HTML data on the basis of the extracted update data,

wherein the management terminal is allowed to set [said variable] the patrol time, patrol order, number of times patrol is to be carried out, and setting regarding whether or not to cause patrol to be carried out, which determine the order of priority, and the home page management unit transmits an HTML document which contains the update HTML data generated by the update data generation unit to the user terminal.